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Weather Indications.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—Forecast till 8 p. m. Tuesday. For Kansas: Tonight and Tuesday fair; colder; north-west winds.

WASHINGTON Post: Hon. Tom Reed, who is a firm believer in hoodlums, and who would not think of passing a black act in a back alley without turning around three times, winked his other eye when he read of McKinley making three teen speeches in one day.

KANSAS has during the past two years learned to keep a sharp eye on the management of her charitable and penal institutions. This will not be relaxed. No matter which party has the administration of affairs hereafter, no skulduggery and thieving will be permitted.

TOM REED's speech delivered at New York Saturday night published in Sunday morning's papers did not contain anything about silver. Perhaps this may have been in deference to New York sentiment which is entirely gold-bug. The many friends of Tom Reed in the west are looking for a repetition of his good words in favor of silver. It will be a great disappointment to them if Mr Reed does not keep silver to the front.

It is just three weeks now until election day. The campaign is nearly over. It is to be hoped all the meanest things have been said. Most men have already made up their minds how they are going to vote. Few votes can be changed now. The election will probably be pretty close. Very many votes are in doubt. The fact that there is a Democratic ticket in the field this year contributes a great element of this doubt. It is also impossible to estimate exactly what the prohibition vote will be, although it will undoubtedly be some thousands larger than heretofore on account of an independent movement among the churches and church societies. The large number of emigrants from western Kansas will materially decrease the vote there, but how much it is impossible to tell. Politicians are unable to make estimates this year with any degree of certainty. Election day, itself, can alone determine where the people stand.

THE exposure of the methods of the sugar trust in today's dispatches will not be a total surprise to our readers, who have from time to time realized the gigantic power and general unscrupulousness of those two robbers, Havemeyer and Spreckles. Having purchased from congress the right to exploit the people of the United States, they had immediately set about it and would undoubtedly have placed a tax on every man, woman and child in the United States for the sugar they consumed, if the wholesale grocers at Chicago and other places had

not come to their rescue. The grocers have a giant battle before them and may not win; the power of the trust is almost unparalleled, and the anti-trust law appears to be valueless as a measure of defense. However, there is one thing that the sugar trust as well as other trusts must learn, and that is that 70,000,000 people will not endure the tyranny of a sugar trust any more than any other tyranny. The time may come and come soon when such conspirators as Havemeyer and Spreckles will be put in the penitentiary where they belong and the sugar industry will be in the hands of a government receiver to be administered for the good of the whole people. The days of robbery of the people by corporations are nearly over.

REED'S GREAT SPEECH.

That is a great speech which Thomas B. Reed, of Maine, delivered in Cooper Union, in the city of New York, last Saturday evening. It glimmers all over with gems of thought. It marks him as a great, broad-gauged man. It is so thoroughly honest and free from petty partisanship and self-laudation that it can be appreciated by every honest and thoughtful reader of whatever political faith.

He said that the depressed condition of business is not the result of the present tariff law, nor of the previous one, but of uncertainty, quoting Mr. Wilson's declaration that the light is only just begun.

He referred to the matter of strikes as follows:

"Strikes are always unfortunate things, but not always bad things. Their success consists not in their victories, but in their possible existence. Men who see their way clear to profits will not refuse recompense to those they employ when the great disorganization of a strike is possible under defense of an injustice on the part of organized labor. To borrow again Mr. Evans' illustration, the will of which is only equalled by its wisdom, the only way thus far discovered to distribute consumable and enjoyable wealth, is first to give the chance to create it, and then let each side struggle for its share. I do not say that this is all the way there over will be, I hope not. No one will more gladly welcome than I any method for fair and peaceful distribution. But there is one thing certain, until you have profits they can not be distributed.

"Why do I desire a fair distribution of profits? Because I profess to be the special friend of those who labor? Anybody who does that from a political platform had better be watched. I have no such motive. My motive is the good selfish one, that such distribution leads to general prosperity, of which I hope to get my share.

Market he denominated the true motive power of all production, and drew the conclusion that without it both labor and capital it would be useless for the acquirement of wealth or prosperity.

He closed by referring to the Democratic party as a party that has assumed the control of a great government, without either the courage to conduct it manfully, or the wisdom to preserve it from ruin.

KANSAS PARAGRAPHS.

A thief who stole a cloak at Wellington is now doing time on the rock pile.

A woman at Pratt who has been living single got married the other day and now her name is—Oversals.

Tiny Wagoner has been visiting in Ellsworth. It's possible she would dispose of large vehicles as well.

This is the way things go in Seneca. The Tribune says: The homeliest lad in

town is solid with Seneca's prettiest girl.

The Cawker City Record has gone to making targets. It advertises "No Hunt on this Farm" signs for sale at its office.

Things have been running along very peacefully at Westmoreland for some time but now a choral society is to be formed.

A man at Westmoreland says he will make speeches for the elevation of the poor classes at \$10 a speech and expenses.

The most popular young lady in Alma, according to a voting contest was given a ring. The most popular young ladies in town usually are so rewarded.

A man by the name of Sharp living near Highland had thirty cents worth of corn stolen. Over \$120 has been spent in costs to convict the thieves.

Mr. Codding and Mrs. Jenkins were married at Wamego the other day. Life was formerly very serious to Mrs. Jenkins but now 'tis only Codding.

The Kingman Courier utters the following weary wail: Don't blame us for leaving out important news items. Politics holds the pole these days.

Six Hiawatha boys who broke into a car load of molasses last August have just been arrested on complaint of a detective and fined \$5 apiece and costs.

A little girl of Robert Ryle at Falls City fell from a second story window and was only slightly bruised. If all rules were like this one there would be fewer broken.

A dentist in Wabunsee county advertises to pull teeth at the following rates: Without pain, 25 cents; with pain, 50 cents. Many people have their work done without payin'.

Horton Commercial: A Horton woman has accomplished a great work by reforming a drunken husband. She uses all the money he can make for dress, and the poor fellow has nothing left for drink.

The editor of the Gaylord Herald who is the son of the editor of the Criticism, at the rival town of Lebanon, gets off the following at his father's expense: "We received the following message from Lebanon yesterday: 'Missed half your life by not coming over Monday. Nineteen people in town, one horse race and a fight.'"

HOTTENTOTS WARLIKE.

Chief Witbooi is Making the Germans no End of Trouble.

BERLIN, Oct. 15.—A dispatch received here from Major Leutwein, the imperial commissioner of southwest Africa, who has been in command of the expedition operating against the powerful Hottentots, under Chief Henrik Witbooi, announces that the latter has yielded to the Germans who have occupied his stronghold.

Chief Witbooi has given the Germans much trouble for a long time past. Advices from Walvis Bay on September 25 last, were received in Berlin and announced that Major Leutwein on August 25th stormed Chief Witbooi's camp. Witbooi succeeded in escaping, but he subsequently sent messengers, with offerings of peace, to the German commander.

During the engagement Lieutenant Distel and eight German troops were killed and Captain Edorff and ten troops wounded.

Witbooi has been giving the Germans much trouble for a long time past, and is the only chief in that portion of Africa who has held out up to the present against the advance of civilization, and his raids upon the settlers have prevented the development of the country in spite of the activity of the German forces sent against him.

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THE PLAY OF FANCY.

REAPPEARANCE OF THE VEILED PROPHET IN ST. LOUIS.

Curious Conceits of the Forty Days' Exposition—Hoo Hoo, Ptolemy and the Reincarnation of the Black Cat—A Festive and Interesting Season.

[Special Correspondence.]

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 11.—If St. Louis could rise from its African grave and be metamorphosed out of its 624 years there to look upon his metropolitan namesake of the glorious, free and boundless west, how his medieval eyes would stare! By all accounts he was an exceedingly grave personage, and if he tolerated any amusing nonsense his biographers forgot to mention it. Fancy him, then, reincarnated in St. Louis the first of this month and looking on the motley array of mimes and merry-masks—Al McKanna and Ali Baba, Boopie, Boabdil and Bugaboo Bill, Caliban, Comus and Cinderella, with Rex, Monus and the Veiled Prophet, Hoo Hoo and King Hotu, and all the fanciful creations of the spectacular drama.

The Forty Days' Exposition. Custom has set aside the first Tuesday in October as the day for the Veiled Prophet, as the first Wednesday in September is set for the opening of the 40 days' exposition. Toward that day, therefore, all interest concentrates from the beginning of the show, and from it as a new era are traced all the subsequent festivities. As minute description would weary, it can now be treated historically only. Suffice it, then, to say that the alleged hard times have had no apparent effect here, for the attendance at the exposition has been larger than ever before, and during the festivities the city has literally been jammed—all the hotels full, all the public resorts thronged, all the illuminations on a grander scale than ever.

Everybody has read of the Veiled Prophet and its attendant orders, but there are other orders of which the history is extremely curious. Instances the Hoo Hoo, which is claimed to be a revival of an order among the ancient Egyptians which made a cult of the worship of the sacred black cat. The Egypt-



THE VEILED PROPHET.

tians believed in the transmigration of souls and regarded Ptolemy, their first Greek king, as the reincarnation of the original and sacred black cat. With the last of the Ptolemies the sacred cat left the earth for some 1,900 years, but reappeared Jan. 9, 1893, to save the lives of nine good men when every one else

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Application For Membership. These nine founded the order, and here is the form of application for membership:

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The undersigned, standing on the boundary line of the Domain of the Great Cal, has presented himself as an applicant for the biographical degree, or degree of the playful kitten, Concentrated Order of Hoo-Hoo, vowing himself as worthy thereof and making profert of the following brief biography.

His account of his life is examined, and if the committee find him qualified in health, honor, charity and sociability he is made a Hoo Hoo. Only lumbermen and those associated with them can be admitted. The objects are mutual aid and good fellowship, and the officers are: Grand shark of the universe, senior high Hoo Hoo, junior high Hoo Hoo, scrivener, holy boojum, bandersnatch, custocatian, arcanoper and gurdon.

This will do for a specimen. The Veiled Prophet is far older, dating from 1878, quite a hoary antiquity for St. Louis. But this is by a sort of succession from New Orleans and Mobile, and the scenic presentations there trace back through the carnival and saturnalia to the prehistoric festivals of Greece and Rome. And finally those had their origin in that symbolic nature worship which seems to have been the first religion of the Aryan race.

On the New Year's eve that ushered in that year Michael Kraft, a prominent citizen of Mobile, had a late supper with a few choice spirits, and on their way home after midnight they passed a hardware store belonging to one of them. In a spirit of fun they seized on the cowbells, gongs, rakes, hoes and other implements and proceeded to wake Mobile to the New Year with discordant racket. Thus began the Cowbellian de Ration, a society which still flourishes, and yearly the Mystic Krewe awake Mobile to the joys of innocent fun and the drive-dull-care-away spirit. In 1853 the Strikers' club was organized in Mobile. In 1857 New Orleans organized the Mystic Krewe of Comus, taking the characters in Milton's "Paradise Lost," and finally in 1878 Rex, the king of the carnival, assumed jurisdiction of the Crescent City.

In 1878 came the greatest of them all. A few choice spirits of St. Louis organized early in the spring, and the next October the Veiled Prophet and his allies made their parade with a beauty and a brilliancy which astonished and delighted the people. Every year since his visit has been repeated, and from all Missouri, Illinois and other territory within a circuit of 200 miles or more the people come by tens of thousands. Every store on the line of march and all the public buildings are brilliantly illuminated, the public gardens are at their gayest, and even the river front is ablaze with lights. "Pike county is there," says an enthusiastic

native, "both the Pikes, in fact, and the last Saturday before it the Pike may be seen hauling in a load of tobacco for cash to take him and the old woman to the show."

Original Designs.

That the display sprang at a bound into great popularity was largely due to the originality and genius shown in the first designs. Some old citizens think they have never been excelled. The floats have since represented "The Festival of Ceres," "The Progress of Civilization," "Shakespeare's Plays," "The Arabian Nights," "American History," "Bible Scenes," "The Veiled Prophet's Travels Around the World" and many others, in which solid instruction was combined with beauty and art to a wonderful degree, but in none has there been greater originality shown than in the first. In 1889 the floats presented a history of the order and its spectacular displays. This year we have had history, mythology, science and literature, with a great deal to amuse the little folks. After the pageant comes the Veiled Prophet's ball, and the partner chosen by his prophetic highness ranks as the queen of beauty in old time festivals. Such is a very brief history of this delightful pageant, and the most interesting fact is that in all these 15 years the secrets of its origin and annual arrangement have never been revealed.

J. H. BRADLEY.

WANAMAKER PRESIDENT. Head of the Sunday School Association of Pennsylvania.

HUNTINGDON, Pa., Oct. 15.—The nominating committee of the state Sunday school convention recommended the following state officers for the ensuing year: President, John Wanamaker, Philadelphia; vice presidents, Rev. Dr. W. R. Stanton, Allegheny, and Prof. S. H. Thompson, Lawrence; secretary, W. R. Laird, Chester.

The counties were then called upon, and each pledged financial support to the state association for in excess of last year. Mr. Wanamaker, in accepting the presidency, said that if it was a call from the Lord it was just what he was looking for.

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